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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR BIO INFO ON BROTHER AND NEPHEW OF PRES
SADAT

REF (A) STATE 211384, (B) CAIRO 4693,

1. DETAILED INFO ON ISMAT AL-SADAT'S BUSINESS FIRM PROVIDED
CAIRO REFTEL. FOLLOWING PARAS ADD BACKGROUND AND BIO DATA.

2. AHMAD ISMAT MUHAMMAD AL-SADAT: BORN MARCH 1925 IN MINUFIYA,
EGYPT; HE IS OF MEDIUM HEIGHT, DARK COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR
AND EYES. ISMAT WAS IN US DURING PRES SADAT'S VISIT IN OCT
75 IN COMPANY OF HIS (ISMAT'S) SON AND OTHER SADAT FAMILY MEM-
BERS, THOUGH HE AND SON WERE NOT MEMBERS OF SADAT'S
OFFICIAL PARTY. AT THAT TIME HE REPORTEDLY HINTED THAT HIS
IMPORTANT FAMILY CONNECTIONS COULD MAKE DOING BUSINESS IN
EGYPT MUCH EASIER. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT ISMAT'S BUSINESS
SUCCESS TO DATE DEPENDS MAINLY UPON HIS POSITION AND NOT UPON
ESTABLISHED REPUTATION OF HIS COMPANY.

3. MUHAMMAD ANWAR ISMAT AL-SADAT: SONE OF ISMAT AL-SADAT,
NEPHEW OF PRESIDENT. BORN DEC 1955 IN GHARBIA, EGYPT, PRO-
FESSION: GENERAL MANAGER OF HIS FATHER'S BUSINESS. MEDIUM
HEIGHT, DARK COMPLEXION, BROWN HAIR, GREEN EYES. VISITED
US WITH HIS FATHER DURING OCT 1975.

4. EMBASSY HAS NONO RPT NO DEROGATORY INFO OF ANY
OF ISMAT SADAT'S BUSINESS DEALINGS. WE WOULD CAUTION, HOW-
EVER, AGAINST EXTRAVAGANT PROMISES OF SUCCESS BASED
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SOLELY UPON THIS FAMILY CONNECTION. PRESIDENT IS VERY SENSI-

TIVE TO QUESTION OF CORRUPTION IN EGYPT AND BELIEVE HE
WOULD REACT NEGATIVELY WERE HE TO FIND BROTHER ACTIVELY
PEDDLING INFLUENCE. AS FAR AS COMMERCIAL AGENTS GO, COMPANY
LOOKS AS GOOD AS MOST IN THIS HIGHLY ACTIVE MARKET, (SEE CAIRO
REFTEL).
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